

# Snow's Marina throwba to early days of Deer Cr

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WALLSBURG — It would seem like the good life. Owning your own boat camp and marina.

Imagine. All those lazy summer days lakeside with avocets paddling in the bay catching fingerlings and the shadows of sweeping gulls. And at dusk you see the jumping trout make target circles in the glassy sheen of the blue water.

You'd think it would be a slight effort to push one of those 14-footers off the dock on a slow afternoon, crank up the Evinrude and cut water into a trolling track for a few hours.

Then there's the shade and the chairs on the covered porch. What a way to pass the summers, visiting with campers, fishermen and swapping tales of finned fantasies.

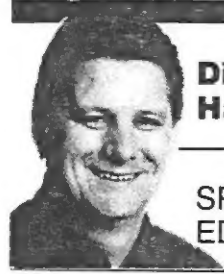
Sound like a brochure?

It might be, but not for owners of marinas.

Just visit Snow's Marina and talk to Mell and his wife Colleen. They're the owners of Snow's Marina located at the bend of State Road 189 at the Wallsburg turnoff between Provo and Heber City.

They're just fools enough to continue living out a dream that's cost them more than most of us invest in our pillowy rhapsodies.

"It's crazy. You work your head off and there are long hours. But we love it," explains Colleen, who with husband



**Dick Harmon**

**SPORTS EDITOR**

Mell, have run Snow's Marina since 1973 shortly after her father William Boden died.

Bill ran Boden's Boat Camp since the Bureau of Reclamation filled Deer Creek Reservoir in 1949 — days when there weren't any wind surfers, or jet skis and harvesting fish was in vogue on this lake that borders the grazing range for wildlife which migrate to and from Strawberry Valley.

Today there is a sharp conflict between the surface users (sail boats, skiers, and wind surfers) and those recreationalists interested in the subsurface life (fishermen).

The fishing at Deer Creek has taken a back seat to the surface activity in recent years. There are two state park boat ramps including the new Island Boat Camp which has become so popular on some weekends that they actually have to close the gates. Wakiki II.

Fishing has also been slow. There are still an offering of rainbow and browns which are good size fighters. Fishing is

best in the early morning though Orem's 1. Marrott had no luck out a 1½ pound second cast from worm this past week.

There are also perch and largemouth bass.

"People usually fish the morning and afternoon by 9 o'clock when the ski boats start coming," said Colleen. "The best fishing is done by trolling. But it has been slow."

Snow's Marina is the one constant at Deer Creek that has seen new facilities creep up and the Charleston Boat Camp die.

Mell and Colleen are throwbacks to the roots of this very accessible lake whose back door Timpanogos breezes have made it one of the best windsurfing locations in the nation.

In the Snows, you find a couple working without a time clock, yet are driven from dawn to dusk by a love for their small snack and tackle shop.

They have the boat rental, moorings, and hookups for guest trailers.

Colleen remembers with affection the many travelers who have stopped to spend the night at the Sleepy Hollow bend in the road. Many are regulars. Some are Europeans who rent motor homes and stop on their way across America.

"Most of those who stay with us are from the Provo and Salt



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**Excellent Flavor. Effective Relief.**



Rod Collett photo

**Mell and Colleen Snow cater to the camper and fisherman at Snow's Marina on Deer Creek Reservoir.**

Lake City area. Many are retired people and when they pass away, it's like losing one of our own family."

Mell is a past captain of the Coast Guard Auxiliary — so he could better help people — and along with Colleen can tell you what tackle to use on any given day, as fishermen report to them what's hot and what's not.

As storm clouds moved overhead, the unsettled birds took to flight and shadows covered the Wallsburg bay Wednesday.

Colleen remembered 16 years of operating a boat camp and most of the good memories are of the people. Of course there was the horrible afternoon a man drowned trying to swim across the small bay a few years ago.

But there is also the memories of nights around the fire roasting crawdads which have now thinned out with passing years.

And there is the wildlife. There have been the deer and elk and one big moose. There's been porcupine. Colleen says the beavers and muskrats like to burrow into the Styrofoam on the docks. Then there was the mink who crawled into a boat on the dock and got into the bait box and ate night crawlers until he got hooked on some tackle.

As a light rain fell on the docks, the wind picked up and Colleen went inside. Mell was doing some work with the tractor.

Snow's Marina. A constant at Deer Creek.





David Paul Staley and Donnette M. Young

## Young - Staley

*30 May 1985*

Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Young request the pleasure of your company at the wedding reception of their daughter, Donnette M. and David Paul Staley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer E. Staley, Friday evening, the seventh of June from seven to nine o'clock, Lyman Stake Center, Urie Wyoming. Marriage solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple, program at 8 o'clock.

Donnette is a 1985 graduate of Lyman High in Lyman, Wyoming. She has received a two year scholarship for Casper College where she plans to attend this fall.

David is a 1984 graduate of Mt. View High, in Mt. View, Wyoming. He is employed as an insulator.

## Vernon "Bud" Swasey

WALLSBURG, Washach County-Vernon Blaine "Bud" Swasey, 30, died April 8, 1984, in Wallsburg.

Born October 28, 1953, in Heber City, 10416-1st St., Heber City, he was the son of Dean Fausett Swasey. He was a heavy equipment operator for W.W. Clyde and an avid hunter. Raised and loved horses.



Survived by mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Max Muir, Wallsburg; grandmother, Mrs. Ella Swasey; Sandi Swasey; and brothers, Mrs. Michael (Ann) Kionizos, Michael Muir and Steven Muir, all of Wallsburg.

Funeral services Thursday, 11:00 a.m., at the Wallsburg Chapel. Friends may call at the Olpin Mortuary, Heber City, Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and at the Washach Church Thursday prior. Burial, Wallsburg Cemetery. T 4/11

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He was born Oct. 28, 1953, in Heber City, to Merlin Blain and LaDean Fausett Swasey.

He was a heavy equipment operator for W.W. Clyde.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Max Muir of Wallsburg; grandmother, Mrs. Ella Swasey of Sandy; sister and brothers: Mrs. Michael (Ann) Kionizos, Michael Muir and Steven Muir, all of Wallsburg.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Wallsburg Church. Friends may call at the Olpin Mortuary in Heber City Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., and at the church Thursday prior to services. Burial will be in the Wallsburg Cemetery.

## DELAINE AND RUBY SWEAT

Delaine Sweat was born to Albert and Lela Bethers Sweat in Wallsburg, Utah, May 8, 1933. He attended elementary and high

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school in Duchesne, Utah.

Ruby Clegg Sweat was born to Frank and Mary Platt Clegg in Heber, Utah, June 2, 1934. She attended Central Elementary and Wasatch High School in Heber. Ruby was married to and divorced from Kenneth Daybell. They had three sons, LaVar, Randy and Marty.

Delaine and Ruby were married May 14, 1964. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple April 8, 1968. One daughter, Lela Marie, was born to them.

Delaine has worked in the mines at Keeley and Park City, Utah. He has been water driver for Northwest Trucking Company headquartered at Coalville, Utah. At present he drives truck for Koch Company Industries, hauling butane and B G Mix.

Ruby has worked as a waitress, as a nurse's aide at Wasatch County Hospital and as a seamstress at the now discontinued sewing plant in Heber. She was employed at the sewing factory under three different owners: Cook, Osborne and Burdett. Ruby has also cleaned condos in Park City for Sweetwater Company. For the last eight years she has been a teacher's aide in Special Education at the Middle School in Heber, a job she thoroughly enjoys as she loves working with teenagers.

Delaine has been a Home Teacher, a Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Boy Scout committee. Ruby has been Sports and Camp Director in the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. She coached Heber Third Ward girls' teams in basketball, softball and volleyball. Ruby has held the position of Stake Referee Trainer and was a Stake Referee. She has taught the Guide Patrol in Primary and has been a Sunday School Teacher and a Relief Society Visiting Teacher.

Delaine was in the United States Navy during the Korean War. His hobbies are camping and softball. Ruby has been a volunteer Pink Lady at the Wasatch County Hospital, and chairwoman of the "Mothers' March of Dimes." She enjoys crocheting, camping, softball and reading.

A son, LaVar Daybell, was born June 25, 1952. He married Dixie McKenzie. He served in the Scouts and loves the outdoors, fishing and hunting. Four children complete this family: Shane, Brandon, Kelly Jo and Killee Jeanine.

Another son, Randy Daybell, was born October 1, 1954. He

# Melven Sweet

MONTI—Melven Sweet, 79, of Montpelier, died Monday, April 2, 1990, at the Guilford Hospital of a heart ailment.

Born May 8, 1910, in Westburg, N.H., Melven and Elizabeth Macpherson Sweet married February 2, 1932. They lived in Montpelier until 1952 when they moved to the South Lake, Vt. retirement community. Melven was a member of the Montpelier LDS Temple. He died at the Montpelier LDS Temple April 2, 1990.

Survivors include two sons, Melven Jr., 52, of Montpelier, and Robert, 52, of Montpelier. He is predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth, who died in 1979.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 2, at the Montpelier LDS Temple. Burial will be in the Montpelier LDS Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Montpelier LDS Temple. Melven was a member of the Montpelier LDS Temple and the Montpelier LDS Church.

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Keith Tanner



• Keith Tanner and Tammy Mecham

## Mecham - Tanner

18 Apr 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Mecham, of Wallsburg, announce the marriage of their daughter, Tammy, to Keith Tanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tanner, of Payson, on Friday, the 19th of April, 1985.

You are invited to attend a reception to be held in their honor that night from 7:30-9:30 at the Wallsburg Ward, Wallsburg, Utah.



## 60th Anniversary

24 Feb 1988

Wayne C. "Jake" and Emeda Gardner Taylor of Wallsburg will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 29. It will be their 60th anniversary although they have only had 15 actual anniversaries. They were married in a leap year on Feb. 29, 1928 in Wallsburg. They lived in there until 1957 when they purchased a home in Mesa, Arizona where they spend the winters.

Jake and Emeda are the parents of five children: Jack and Gweneth Taylor of Pleasant Grove; Dot and Verline Simmons of Providence; Bliss of Daniel; Kent and Wilma Taylor of Lindon; and Ted and Sheral Taylor of Vernal. They have 21 grandchildren, one deceased, and 37 great grandchildren.

Their special day will be observed in Mesa and their children will further honor them at a family dinner when they return to Wallsburg in May. They have the distinction of being the oldest living couple who were born and raised in Wallsburg and still reside there.





### Clarence Thompson

Clarence Thompson, 83, died Feb. 17, 1998, at his home in Wallsburg.

Born July 14, 1914, in

Wallsburg, to John and Maude Alice Sabey Thompson. Married Grace Joann Cox Jan. 14, 1946, in Salt Lake City. She died Aug. 22, 1976. Member of the LDS Church. Farmer and sheep rancher for all of his life. He also worked in the Park City mines and served in WWII.

Survived by a daughter, Judy (Jim) Breeden, Heber City. Grandchildren: Rick, Roy and Misty and 2 great grandchildren. Brothers: Verge Thompson and Jim Thompson, both of Wallsburg. Sisters: Alice Barter, Provo and Dora Daley, Wallsburg. Preceded in death by a son, Ronald, granddaughter, Annette, and a sister, Dorothy Brimhall.

Funeral services were Saturday, Feb. 21, in the Wallsburg Second Ward Chapel. Interment and military honors were in the Wallsburg Cemetery.

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Clarence was a member of the LDS church. He was a farmer and sheep rancher all of his life. He also worked in the Park City mines and served in WW II.

Survived by a daughter, Judy (Jim) Breeden of Heber City; grandchildren: Rick, Roy and Misty; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Verge Thompson and Jim Thompson, both of Wallsburg; sisters: Alice Barter of Provo; and Dora Dalley of Wallsburg. Preceded in death by a son, Ronald; granddaughter, Annette; and a sister, Dorothy Brimhall.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 21, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. in the Wallsburg 2nd Ward. Friends may call at Olpin Mortuary in Heber City Friday 6-8 p.m. and Saturday at the church one hour prior to services. Interment and military honors will be in the Wallsburg Cemetery.



Dear Laura,

I want to thank you  
for the lovely letter. The  
record you sent me is  
just simply wonderful.

We are going to sing "God  
of All Nations" in our  
spring festival of music  
at the Tabernacle.

Our Xmas Concert was  
by far the most outstanding  
concert we've given & I was  
sorry none of my family  
were here to hear it. The  
tabernacle was just packed.  
For some reason, it means  
a lot to me to have my  
own family support me in  
these concerts because after  
all I am one of them &  
what I do should matter



Mr. and Mrs. James S. Thompson

## *60th Wedding Anniversary*

James S. (Jim) and Nellie George Thompson will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at an Open House for all friends and relatives at their home, 1320 East 1075 South, Wallsburg, on Nov. 18, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

They were married on Nov. 26, 1935, in Brigham City. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Jim was born in Wallsburg to John and Maud Thompson. Nellie was born in Cache County to Arthur and Laura George.

They have lived their entire married lives in Wallsburg, except for the times spent in the mountains and deserts with their sheep herds.

Jim has been a rancher all his life. Jim and Nellie are still very active on their ranch today. Nellie has been active in the LDS Church all her life. She has been a Visiting Teacher for 50 years and served in many other positions in the church.

They are the parents of three sons, Lonie and Susette Thompson, and Jack and Kathleen Thompson, both of Wallsburg. One son died at birth. They have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They request no gifts, please.



## Thompsons to mark 60th

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He married Alice Liddard in December, 1874, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the daughter of Robert Liddard of Tooele and Provo, Utah, and was born in 1857. Their only child was Joseph. The family home was in Tooele, Utah.

Married Eliza Wiley on August 25, 1875, in Salt Lake City. She was the daughter of Alexander Wiley and Mariah Alexander of County Antrim, Ireland. She was born October 27, 1838. Their only child was Matthew Chamas.

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